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on fish and Henderson says that he saw one boat out.

The news brought to New York day before yesterday by the steamer Arapahoe is generally credited here and together with Henderson's report causes a general feeling that news of trips in will be heard before the week is out.

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BROOK FISHING SEASON OPEN.

Indications of Good Early Fishing at Alewife Brook.

Commencing today, the open season on trout is on, and fishing will be allowed in the brooks and streams of the state until August 1.

There is indications of good fishing in the Alewife brook for the first of the season, and Inspector Cogan of the fish and game commission has been vigilant against early amateurs who fish the brook before the open season is on. Several have been detected by the inspector and warned of the law, but commencing today, everyone has a fair show, and they can fish to their heart's content.

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Today's Receipts.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, via Boston, 50,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Mooween, St. Peters Bank, 25,000 lbs. halibut.
Sch. Fannie E. Prescott, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Galatea, shore.
Sch. Mary E. Sinnett, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Stranger, haddocking.
Sch. Seaconnet, haddocking.
Sch. Tecumseh, haddocking.
Sch. Washakie, haddocking.
Sch. Flirt, dory handlining.
Sch. Slade Gorton.
Sch. Volant, Rips.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.
Bank halibut, 8 1-2 and 6 cts. per lb. for white and gray.
Salt pollock, \$1.00; salt haddock, \$1.00; salt hake, \$1.00.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$1.65; mediums, \$1.40; Eastern cod, large, \$1.55; medium, \$1.30; cusk, \$1.50; for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 60c; hake, 60c.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums, \$2.00; snappers, \$1.00.
Shore frozen herring for bait, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per cwt.
Round pollock, 50 cts. per cwt.
Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per cwt.

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, 14,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Athena, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Lillian, 1000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 10,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 3000 haddock.
Sch. Nettie Franklin, 900 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Frances Whalen, 45,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 4000 hake, 4000 cusk, 500 halibut.
Sch. Morning Star, 60,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 3000 cusk, 2000 halibut.
Sch. Mary A. Whalen, 50,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 4000 cusk.
Haddock, \$1.35 to \$2.25 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.60 to \$5.50; market cod, \$3 to \$3.50; hake, \$1 to \$3; pollock, \$2.50 to \$2.60.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Governor Russell and Gertrude are on Parkhurst's railways.
Capt. James Vanamberg will now fit sch. Gertrude for Rips fishing.

Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Mooween sold to the New England Fish Co. at 9 cents per pound for white and 7 cents per pound for gray.

Good Stock.

Sch. Onato, Capt. J. Henry Larkin, stocked \$1840 as the result of her recent Peak trip, the crew sharing \$40.

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ST. PIERRE FLEET.

Will Be Reduced to 40 Vessels This Season.

The salt fishing fleet of St. Pierre, Miquelon, this season will be but a shadow of the former large number of vessels which went from this famous free port.

Letters received here yesterday state that the fleet will number but 40 sail six years ago St. Pierre sent out a fleet of 350 vessels to the banks.

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MACKEREL NOW LOOKED FOR.

Seiners Will Probably Land Fare by Monday.

The recent reports of large mackerel schools to the southward, and the fact that some fish have been caught and landed causes a hope and feeling that the seining fleet will soon be heard from, getting hauls, and it would not be unlikely at all to expect a fare at New York or Fortress Monroe by Monday perhaps.

From what can be learned the weather to the southward has improved lately and has been pretty good the past few days. At least a part of the fleet are not to the southward of the schools although it is thought that some of the vessels are pretty well down the coast.

The schools seen have been reported as medium fish, while the three barrels landed at Chincoteague were mackerel of the largest kind. From this it is thought that the latter lot did not come from any vessel of the seining fleet but was caught in some of the weirs along the Maryland shore.

Simon Henderson, who came up on the steamer Denver a few days ago, as reported in yesterday's Times, says that on the night they steamed through so many large schools, they went so near to the seiners they saw afterward that they could easily count them. There were seven and so near did the steamer go to one that Henderson heard a voice say, "Drop the boat astern." He could not recognize the craft.

FRESH FISH TRADE QUIET.

Little Doing Either at Boston or This Port.

There was not much doing in the fish line at T wharf, Boston, today. Ten small trips is the whole story, the largest being a fare of 22,000 pounds of round pollock brought in by sch. Olive F. Hutchins, which is engaged in seining along shore. Of the shore boats, sch. Flavilla is high with 12,000 pounds.

Fish are a good price, haddock bringing \$2.75 and large cod \$5 to \$5.15.

Sch. Quannapowit came to this port from Boston yesterday afternoon with 45,000 pounds of fresh fish for the splitters, and this morning schs. Mary A. Whalen and Frances Whalen are here from T wharf with fresh fish to split. Sch. Teaser is here from Portland with 12,000 pounds of salt cod. That is the fish story here today, and a small one it is, too.

MANY FISHERMEN ARRIVE.

Large Influx from Provinces Yesterday and Today.

The was big influx of fishermen here yesterday, no less than 160 coming from the Provinces and all will ship on vessels at this port, most of them going on crafts which will engage in Rips or "hammer" fishing.

Most of the men came down from Boston on the late afternoon trains, where they had landed at noon from the steamer Boston.

This morning about all that could be seen at the railroad station was clothes bag. There was a regular mountain of them, no less than 200, to say nothing of the number of trunks and grips and dress suit cases. The baggage master and his assistants had their hands full sorting them out and mating checks.

LANDED CODFISH HERE.

Sch. Teaser Suffered Considerably in Recent Gale.

Sch. Teaser, Capt. Peter Dunsy, of this port, which was so roughly handled in one of the recent gales and put in at Portland on Tuesday to land her halibut, arrived home here this morning, coming to land 12,000 pounds of salt and fix up for another trip.

Capt. Dunsy reports rough weather about all the time he was on the banks, and in a very heavy gale a week ago the schooner was caught out in bad having decks swept by tremendous seas which carried overboard four dories and booby hatch and had jib torn to pieces. She also lost anchor and 100 fathoms of chain.

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FROM CAPE TOWN TO HALIFAX.

Halifax Schooner Pioneer of the Southern Seal Fisheries.

Forty-eight days from Cape Town, South Africa, to Halifax the trim little schooner Agnes G. Donahoe, Capt. Balcom, of almost international repute, dropped anchor in Halifax harbor shortly after noon Friday, after a lonely but eventful voyage. The Donahoe figured, it will be remembered, in the affair at the Uruguayan capital some years ago, when the captain, Ryan, and several of his officers and crew were taken prisoners for what was alleged to be contravention of the laws of that place. But after there had been intervention by the English and Canadian governments the men were released.

The Donahoe hauled into Cook's wharf at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and she was viewed with interest by many. She certainly presented a fine sight, spic and span, after her long voyage. Capt. Balcom looks as if the trip agreed with him. To a reporter he said that they had an uneventful trip, since they sailed from Cape Town. They left on the 20th of February, and left behind the Beatrice Corkum, which is now likely on her way here, as it was the intention of the captain to sail at any time.

"We should have been here eight days ago," said Captain Balcom, "but for the calms in the trade winds. After the calm came the storm, and we ran into two distinct gales which kept the crew busy, but sustained no damage, nothing was swept away," said the captain, "that could not be repaired."

The Donahoe has the honor of being the pioneer craft in the southern seal fishery, and she has received great encouragement in view of the fact that she secured 4014 seals which are now in the London market and worth about \$100,000. The Donahoe left Halifax on the 20th of August last, and the first port she called at was Tristan Da Cunha, in the South Atlantic. She made the trip to Cape Town in 42 days.

On the way out the Donahoe had a very exciting experience when she rescued the marooned crew of the Norwegian ship, the So Gint, who had been on the Mariner Island for 30 days. Their ship was on the rocks, and although they were not exactly starving, as they had saved their food supply, nevertheless they were living on short rations, and were very glad to be rescued. They were taken to Port Natal. Captain Balcom says that they saw only one steamer during the trip but met a large number of fishermen near the coast.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Harvard and Lettie G. Merchant were at Liverpool, N. S., on Friday.

Sch. Smuggler, hailing for 80,000 pounds of salt cod, was at Canso, N. S., on Tuesday.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell was at Halifax on Tuesday.

Capt. Nelson Thorburn is now fitting sch. Parthia for dory handlining.

Sch. Edward A. Rich, with 1000 pounds of halibut, and a small fare of salt cod, was at Portland Wednesday.

Capt. Herman Chatwynd is here to fit sch. Jubilee for Rips fishing.

Capt. Colin Nickerson is fitting sch. Norma for Rips fishing.

Capt. Ernest Nelson arrived here yesterday, and will fit a vessel for Rips fishing.

Boston.

Sch. Laura Enos, 3000 cod.

Sch. Nettie, 2000 haddock, 100 cod.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 22,000 pollock.

Sch. Marian, 3000 cod.

Sch. Ignatius Enos, 2500 cod.

Sch. Seaconnet, 7000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Stranger, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 500 pollock.

Sch. Flavilla, 7000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2000 cusk.

Sch. F. D. Brown, 1500 cod.

Sch. Mettacomet, 6000 cod.

Haddock, \$2.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$5.15; markets, \$2.50; pollock, \$2.25 to \$3.25; cusk, \$1.

Sick Fisherman Sent Home.

William Benham, one of the crew of sch. Gossip of this port, was taken ill on the trip and landed on the Cape Shore, arrived home yesterday, coming to Boston on the steamer.

Bait Plentiful.

A. Hughes of North Truro, reports a good run of herring in the weirs at that place yesterday.

There are plenty of alewives on hand now at Edgartown and fishermen can secure bait and ice there.

Some herring are reported at South Cushing, Me.

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Sch. Mary A. Whalen, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Frances Whalen, via Boston, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Teazer, via Portland, 12,000 lbs. salt cod.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Arthur D. Story, Georges.
Sch. Eglantine, Rips.
Sch. Rob Roy, south seining.
Sch. Rex, south seining.
Sch. Gov. Russell, haddocking.
Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, haddock-ing.
Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, haddock-ing.
Sch. Rena A. Percy, haddocking.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, haddocking.
Sch. Teresa and Alice, haddocking.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, haddocking.
Sch. Mertis H. Perry, haddocking.
Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, haddocking.
Sch. Mary E. Sinnett, haddocking.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, haddocking.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, had-docking.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, haddocking.
Sch. Rose Standish, haddocking.
Sch. Minerva, haddocking.
Sch. Tecumseh, haddocking.
Sch. Hope, haddocking.
Sch. Tartar, south, seining.
Sch. Hortense, haddocking.

Today's Fish Market.

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Bank halibut, 8 1-2 and 6 cts. per lb. for white and gray.
Salt pollock, \$1.00; salt haddock, \$1.00; salt hake, \$1.00.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, West-ern cod, large, \$1.65; mediums, \$1.40; Eastern cod, large, \$1.55; medium, \$1.30; cusk, \$1.50; for large, \$1.10 for medium and 50c for snappers; had-dock, 60c; hake, 60c.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.25; me-dium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums, \$2.00; snappers, \$1.00.
Shore frozen herring for bait, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per cwt.
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Harbor Notes.

Sch. Jubilee is on the Rocky Neck railways.
Schs. Onato and James and Esther are on Burnham's railways.
Schs. Actor and Mabel Bryson are on Parkhurst's railways.
Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon is taking salt from steamer Alicia.

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NOVA SCOTIA WINTER FISHERY

Growing in Importance with Each Succeeding Year.

The winter fishery of Nova Scotia is growing to be of considerable im-portance. In speaking of its prose-cution at Halifax, the Maritime Mer-chant says:

"If you want to visit a place in Halifax where there is always some-thing doing, take a walk down lower Water street to the wharf on the Hal-ifax Cold Storage Co. We went down last week to see Mr. Boutillier. He was not there at the time, but we saw a busy place, and subsequently we learned from Mr. Boutillier that the winter codfishing out of the port of Halifax had been the most successful for many years. The catch was con-siderably larger than usual, but Mr. Boutillier told us that he and other buyers were able to take all there was, and allow the fishermen a good return for their labor and enterprise.

"Asked what fishermen's earnings during the winter fishery would amount to, Mr. Boutillier said that from November to the end of January, they would average about \$50 per month, per man. Of course some did better than this, but \$50 a month he thought would be a fair average. Vessels are now getting fitted out for spring halibut fishing, and Mr. Boutil-lier thinks the number to engage will be quite as large, or larger than last year. We took occasion to inquire how the winter trade in fresh fish with western Canada had succeeded

and were glad to hear that it had done very well. Of course it will soon be over now, save with Montreal and Toronto, as during the warm weather it is impossible to do any-thing with the smaller and more dis-tant places, but next season will see it renewed on a still larger scale.

"It is satisfactory to note good pro-gress is being made. The develop-ment of fresh fish trade within the past few years has created a new source of revenue for a portion at least of our fishing population, who had hitherto been restricted to sum-mer fishing only. The Whitmans of Canso, the Wilsons, of Halifax, along with Boutillier, having spent a lot of energy and time in pushing this ener-gy forward. The Whitmans sold out to the Atlantic Fish Co., and they in turn, have made a vigorous effort to increase the consumption of Nova Scotia fresh fish in Quebec and On-tario.

"All the firms mentioned have had many discouragements, but they are keeping at it, doing well some winters, and not so well others. Slowly and surely, however, the field for trade is expanding, and ultimately, it must be a big one. The Federal government have helped by providing improved transportation at a reasonable cost and our own fishermen have at last concluded that there is something in winter fishing as a paying industry. The outlook, therefore, is probably more hopeful today than it has ever been, and we were glad to hear from Mr. Boutillier that he is so well sat-isfied with his share of what has been done this winter."

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FIRST TRIP OF FRESH

MACKEREL,

Sch. Electric Flash

Landed 14 Barrels at

Fortress Monroe Yester-day.

First Trip Last Year

Was Landed March 30.

"First to sail, first to arrive," is a saying that has held good this spring as far as the southern mackerel fleet is concerned for the sch. Electric Flash, Capt. William Bissert, which left here on the forenoon of March 11, ar-rived at Fortress Monroe, Va., yester-day afternoon with the first fresh mackerel trip of the season.

A special to the Times announcing the arrival of the craft states that she had 14 barrels of large medium fish, about 1000 fish in count in the lot and that the catch was made 30 miles east of Cape Henry. Capt. Bissert reports that schs. Diana, Arthur James and Mary E. Harty were in company with him when he got the haul.

As soon as the fish were landed at the big shipping place of William Bauch, they were barrelled under the direction of Capt. Charles H. Harty of this port who is there in the inter-est of Wilson & Barry of Fulton Market, New York and shipped to the latter concern by express freight. The consignment should reach Fulton Mar-ket today and the fish are expected to bring a very fancy price.

The catch of the sch. Electric Flash reached Fulton Market this forenoon and the fish sold for 50 cents each.

Capt. Bissert is a hustling com-mander who made a big record last season in the Electric Flash, being close to the high liner of the fleet. He has lots of friends who were glad to hear that he had carried off the first trip honor and this morning the com-mon expression on "Fishermen's Cor-ner" was, "Well, Bissert hit 'em all right, didn't he? Hope he'll keep it up."

Last season the first mackerel fare of the season was landed by sch. A. M. Nicholson, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, at Fortress Monroe, March 30. The fare which was one of the earliest on re-cord comprised 13 barrels of medium fish which were shipped to New York and brought 30 cents each.

The first fare landed at New York last season was 100 barrels of large and medium mackerel, about 7000 fish in count, brought in by sch. Ingomar, Capt. Wallace Parsons, which sold at 40 cents each for large and 23 and 25 cents each for medium.

The arrival of sch. Electric Flash yesterday afternoon fulfils the Times prediction that some one of the sein-ing fleet would be heard from by Mon-day, with a fare.

A Times representative had a chat this morning with Simon Henderson, a well known Gloucester fisherman, who came to New York from Galves-ton on the steamship Denver, and whose comprehensive report of seeing mackerel schools to the southward, was published in the Times of yester-day and Thursday. Mr. Henderson says that from the position where Capt. Bissert is reported getting his fish, his craft must have been one of those that he saw that night, about 24 miles ahead of the main body of the fish, and for that reason he be-lieves, that contrary to the general idea, the fleet are not behind the main body of the mackerel, but are on the heads of them, and that this school, captured by the Electric Flash, was but a few of the forerunners of the big schools to come.

A special to the Times this after-noon, from its Fortress Monroe cor-respondent, reports the arrival there of the blue fisherman Benjamin Lath-am, Capt. Louis Larson, with the first fare of "blues" of the season, 3000 fish in count. Capt. Larson reports seeing large schools of mackerel 20 miles east of Body Island, on the night of April 15.

Last season there was a very dry spell after April 9, not a fare being landed until April 29, when three little trips got to New York and one at Fortress Monroe. Then there was an-other let-up until May 5 and 6, there being 13 fine fares at New York on the latter date. After that the seining fleet did practically nothing out south, so the catch was practically over out there last season at this time.

The following table shows the catch of the southern mackerel fleet, to date, for the past nine seasons:

1909—One arrival, 14 barrels.
1908—Seventeen arrivals, about 1350 barrels.
1907—Twelve arrivals, 1022 barrels.
1906—Twenty-four arrivals, 2021 barrels.
1905—One arrival, 30 barrels.
1904—Nine arrivals, 855 barrels.
1903—Twenty-four arrivals, 324 bar-rels.
1902—Forty-one arrivals, 2972 bar-rels.
1901—Twenty-nine arrivals, 3972 barrels.
1900—Eighteen arrivals, 1610 barrels.
The imports of salt mackerel at Boston to date, of the catch of 1908 are 43,115 barrels, against 24,475 bar-rels to date last year of the catch of 1907.

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Provincetown Fishing Notes.

Sloops Reliance and Dart returned Sunday from the flatfish grounds off Hyannis. Sloop Barbara has finished flatfishing and gone to haul up at Fair-haven, for painting, etc., and will re-main there until the opening of the spring mackerel fishery. Sloop Betsy Ross was to make her last flounder drag Tuesday. She will not come home, probably, until the completion of the mackerel dragging season.

Two hundred barrels of squid were sold to vessels Tuesday from the East-ern cold storage. Only 500 barrels of squid remain to be sold.

Pacific Codfishing Notes.

The codfishing sch. J. D. Spreckles of San Francisco came near destruc-tion recently while outward bound for the northern grounds. She had sailed under a fair breeze and was just at the Heads when the wind failed and the powerful current carried her close to the rocks. The tug Pilot happened to be near and succeeded in getting a line aboard before the vessel went ashore and towed her out to sea.

Sch. Czarina has sailed for Pirate Cove, and will operate in the fishing grounds in the neighborhood of Chor-magin Island, in Behring Sea. The sch. Otillie Ford has been chartered by the Union Fish Company and has just completed her outfit for a cruise in Behring Sea. Both of these schoo-ners are scheduled to return to this next September.

Sch. Stanley will leave San Fran-cisco about April 25 for Pirate Cove with a cargo of supplies, and the barkentine Fremont will depart for the Okhotsk Sea about the middle of the month. This will complete the cod-fishing sailings from this port for the season, as far as can be determined.

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The Maine fish warden has placed the possible value of clam flats under proper development at \$137.30 per acre. It must require some tall figuring to get a basis for that 30 cents.